

# Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia

## Philippines



Children present as part of Philippine Red Cross Youth event, 2014  
© Tatu Blomqvist - Finnish Red Cross



- 1 city (Quezon City, Metro Manila)
- 8 urban public schools
- 4 urban barangays
- 100 Red Cross volunteers and staff
- 60,559 children
- 154,289 people

The 18-month *Building Urban Resilience in Southeast Asia* project, funded by the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO), supports Red Cross Movement partners in four countries, Cambodia, Lao, Vietnam and the Philippines, to build capacities of National Society staff, government officials, school teachers and school children, Red Cross youth and volunteers, and partners, through a coherent, regional strategy building on good practice and using innovative methods. The action emphasizes gender equity and social inclusion, among poor, vulnerable people, including people with disabilities and older people.

### Philippines Country Profile

Since 1996, the Philippine Red Cross has been implementing disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience-building activities in urban and rural areas country-wide. Central to this have been efforts to strengthen community-based DRR institutions; the formation of trained volunteer teams; investment in enhancing communities' capacities in reducing risk; and the promotion of risk reduction in schools through the ASEAN Safe Schools Initiative.

For the past several years, with support from DIPECHO (2011-2012) and EuropeAid (2013-2016), the Philippine Red Cross has collaborated with partners, the Spanish Red Cross, German Red Cross and Finnish Red Cross, to further reduce disaster risk.

### Outcomes



**Children and youth more resilient to disasters and have a safe and secure learning environment**

- School-based DRR intervention in line with the ASEAN School Safety Initiative and Comprehensive School Safety Framework



**Safer behaviour, improved preparedness and social change** through innovative and tailored public awareness and public education for disaster risk reduction

- A participatory public awareness and education campaign on risk reduction and community resilience, developed with local authorities and other stakeholders in target barangays



**Increased capacity of local government authorities and Red Cross for disaster preparedness and response** through working with authorities to further build capacities and improve community-based disaster risk reduction tools

- Piloting of innovative approaches for participatory mapping of community risks
- Strengthened capacity of local government authorities and Red Cross 143 Volunteers Disaster Management Teams and First Aid and Safety Teams in target barangays

#### For more information, please contact:

**Resty Lou C. Talamayan**  
Manager of Disaster Management Services  
Philippine Red Cross, Manila  
E. restylou.talamayan1@redcross.org.ph

**Luciano Jiménez,**  
Spanish Red Cross Delegate, Manila  
E. del.ljr@cruzroja.es | M. +63 (0) 915 940 3521

**Kanokporn (Oum) Jaroenrith,**  
Project Manager, IFRC Bangkok  
E. kanokporn.jaroenrith@ifrc.org | M. +66 (0) 61 415 2886